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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH SRI LANKAN
FOREIGN MINISTER HAMEED, SEPTEMBER 30, 1977

1. FOREIGN MINISTER HAMEED, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR
AMERASINGHE, MET WITH THE SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIED BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ATHERTON AND MAYNES, SEPTEMBER 30.
HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING FOLLOW.

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2. HAMEED OPENED MEETING BY ASKING THAT USG PROVIDE
GENEROUS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA IN ORDER TO PER-
MIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO TAKE PLACE ON TOP OF EXTENSIVE
SOCIAL PROGRAMS WHICH NO SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT COULD ELIMI-
NATE. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT USG WOULD BE SENSITIVE
TO SRI LANKA'S SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS IN CONSIDER-

ING AID LEVELS.

3. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SRI LANKA WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. HAMEED REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, STATING THAT SRI LANKA WOULD FOLLOW A POLICY OF "STRICT" NON-ALIGNMENT.

4. THE SECRETARY REVIEWED USG EFFORTS IN DISARMAMENT FIELD, INCLUDING U.S. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UK ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY.

5. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT ANOTHER ROUND OF INDIAN OCEAN TALKS HAD JUST TAKEN PLACE AND FURTHER TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN A MONTH OR SIX WEEKS. PROGRESS WAS SLOW. HAMEED NOTED THAT SRI LANKA STRONGLY FAVORED DEMILITARIZATION OF INDIAN OCEAN BUT ALSO HAD A SECOND OBJECTIVE OF ENSURING THAT THE RESULTING VACUUM WOULD NOT GIVE ANY LITTORAL COUNTRY AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE IN. IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S QUESTION HOW THIS SECOND OBJECTIVE COULD BE ACHIEVED, HAMEED NOTED THAT PAKISTAN HAD SUGGESTED A "CODE OF CONDUCT." HOWEVER, SRI LANKA WAS AWARE THAT THERE WAS NO MACHINERY TO POLICE SUCH A CODE. HAMEED ASKED THAT SRI LANKA BE KEPT INFORMED ON THE PROGRESS OF US-SOVIET TALKS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE SECRETARY STATED THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE.
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6. THE SECRETARY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AMBASSADOR AMERASINGHE COULD RETAIN THE PRESIDENCY OF THIS CONFERENCE. HAMEED MADE NO REPLY. CHRISTOPHER

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